

for display of fashion. "To this man will I look, even to him that is poor and of a contrite spirit and that trembleth at my word." If we do not unduly emphasize the sermon, we are quite sure that worship, reverential heart worship, needs to be emphasized more and more.

Missions

Chicago Mission

Our Sunday school opened last Sunday with fifty-seven enrolled members present. Our superintendent was sick, as also were some of the scholars. Notwithstanding the "grip," and many kinds of sickness, in our midst, we are growing. Began every night meetings last Sunday, which are progressing nicely, with deepening interest. Sister Esseman met with a sad accident yesterday, falling and breaking her arm. She is a large fleshy lady. We will miss her presence in our meetings for a few days, where her prayers and testimonies are so helpful to many. May the Lord soon restore her. The old brother I mentioned last week is improving some and may recover. Several are drawing near the Lord and diligently studying his word; may they soon come into his fellowship completely. We feel daily the need for the prayers and help of our dear brethren and sisters in behalf of the work in this great city. The Lord has much people here, and temptations abound every where. To those who may doubt the advisability of city work, I wish to say, that from reports made from time to time, our best and most permanent growth as a church has been in the towns and cities, and ever will be. Brother Ohmart formerly of North Manchester, Ind., but now of this city, is a member of our Sunday-school, and attends church. Last Sunday a young man came into our meeting and at the close of the service told me that a young lady friend in Indiana had written him to be sure and attend the Brethren Mission while he resided in the city. That young lady is working in the right way. Would it not be a good way for all the members who have relatives and friends in the city to be thus solicitous for their welfare and also for the growth of our work in the city? Brother M. B. Summers, formerly of our city, tho now in the government employ at Columbus, Mo., sets a good example in practical allegiance to the cause. Being a liberal supporter of the work while he lived here, has not forgotten us when in his Missouri home, but recently sent us five dollars with well wishes, saying, "this is not to be credited on the pledge sent the secretary."

I might say many good things about our friends of the work, but lest I grow extravagant I will desist. Pardon me for the personal mention. We are glad for the growing interest in the work and the increase in contributions all of which are encouraging. But last fall when the contributions were few and far between, and some were discour-

aged, we scimped and economized and refrained from expenditure, even for the things needful, but kept the work moving, and the growth of interest now enjoyed, proves the value of the sacrifice. But we are not yet caught up; some things we have been doing without we need very badly. Then we must have coal and clothing as well as eatables. But the Lord will provide. We are happy in the work and our eyes will yet see a strong Brethren church in Chicago. The Lord will bless the faithful who stand by the work. He never in all history did bless the unfaithful; he never promised to do so. Never surrender to the enemy, should be our motto. Hold all we have, and reach as far as we can, must ever be the policy of the Missionary Board. A brother who recently came into our Sunday-school and Sunday service, said, "I am surprised to see such a work here; it is much larger than I expected to find." Brethren we are not advertising, nor blowing our horn, extensively, but just patiently working; patiently teaching. Laying a solid foundation. When I came to Chicago, we had some seventeen members, who were faithful, and a Sunday school of some twenty members. Patiently working, and waiting the will of the Lord, will be rewarded.

It is evident that some things must be done on "faith." And men who have faith in God and humanity have ever headed those stupendous projects that in past history have amazed historians, surprised kings, and startled nations. Our actions for today, are ever inspired by what tomorrow promises us. Verily we do "live by faith." In the past, men founded kingdoms by faith, built schools by faith, and indeed a church building project that has not started out with more faith than cash, would be hard to find. I pray the Lord that your unworthy servant may be given more of the faith that stops not short of the purpose of God, whether we may be able to exactly see the end or not. I have faith in God. God has said, "Give, and it shall be given you; good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, shall they give into your bosom." The Lord said that to his people, and if he has a people on the earth, and I believe he has, they will give. I believe the Brethren church represents the Lord's people, and if so they will obey his commandments, in the matter of "giving" as much and as fully, when we once come to understand this, as we obey in other matters. As a member of your missionary board, and as a missionary, it is upon this faith, I must stand, and it is from this standpoint of faith in God and my brethren, I must work. It was "upon this rock" our Lord said "he would build his church." Amen.

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Begin by denying yourself, and by and by you forget yourself. The kindness which was at first just a duty becomes a pleasure and a joy. Self-denial becomes glorified into self-forgetfulness.—B. Hereford.

Among the Churches

Pittsburg, Pa.

Since Nov. your unworthy servant has been going to Adrian, Pa., at intervals to preach for the Brethren of that place. The services were interspersed by preaching by Elds. Roger E. Darling and J. B. Wampler, and your servant closed in the early part of this month with a baptismal service on New Year's day in the Allegheny river of three worthy men, two of the heads of family. The services continued for some time after, but were finally choked out with rain and mud such as I seldom witnessed. This makes a score of additions since we first began, and church in good working order. I never saw better work being done by the members of any church. They keep up a weekly prayer meeting and have good prospects ahead. This leads me to say, "when you can't get any one else try me" and if possible I will respond to all such calls. I hope to get back to see, and work with, the Brethren of Brush valley sometime again, the Lord willing.

R. Z. REPLOGLE.

Johnstown, Pa.

From C. F. Yoder

It is with joy that I take my pen to write once more for the EVANGELIST. I have been more tardy in writing than others who were ill at the same time but I have had great interest in the paper and the good reports from everywhere and hope to report activity from my own field more frequently hereafter.

My illness has given me a spiritual uplift which will prove a blessing forever. The churches, too, which are under my care, while hindered in some respects yet in others have received blessing which could have come in no other way.

The Warsaw church has been active as usual not only keeping the pastor's salary paid up but putting new windows in the church, new rugs on the pulpit, and in other ways improving the church property. We have been negligent with our missionary offerings but hope to have a barrel-opening this quarter. Brother Eli Helser has been for the third time elected superintendent of the Sunday-school and continues his faithful, efficient work. Sister Alice Richart is now president of the Sr C E and Lottie Chandler superintends the Juniors. Clara Shroyer, president of the S S. C. E. is slowly recovering from the fever. The services are all well attended. Rev. Dubbs brother of our Brother Dubbs preached a few sermons for us during my illness for which we were grateful. Brother Flora is now holding a successful meeting near us at the Dutchtown church.

The Fairview congregation has also been keeping up all the services except preaching. My brother Frank supplied for me here a few times and also at Warsaw. We are in hopes he may be persuaded to keep on in the work. It was in the Fairview congregation that I was holding a meeting when compelled to give up work by the fever. There is no better or more sympathetic people on earth than the people among whom I labor. It almost pays one to be sick just to find out how many good friends there are. We had planned great things in Indiana, but the Lord does not always use us according to our plans. But if he uses us at all we will be grateful and out from the tempest storms of life we will look up to the rainbow of his promise and trust in him.

Listie and Jones Mills, Pa.

Since our last report neither of these places has been idle. The church work has held its own and in some ways increased interest has been manifested. The Sunday Schools at both places have been running with good interest and will continue the whole year. The Sunday-school at Listie gave a most entertaining Christmas service, which showed the fruits of earnest work on the part of the whole school. At this entertainment they kindly remembered the writer by presenting him a purse of \$10. May God bless the donors. The Sister's Society here which is doing excellent work also presented Mrs. Witter a